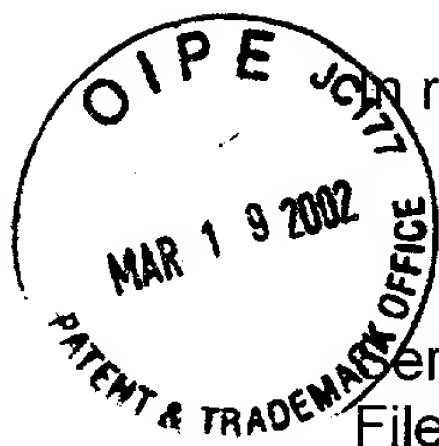


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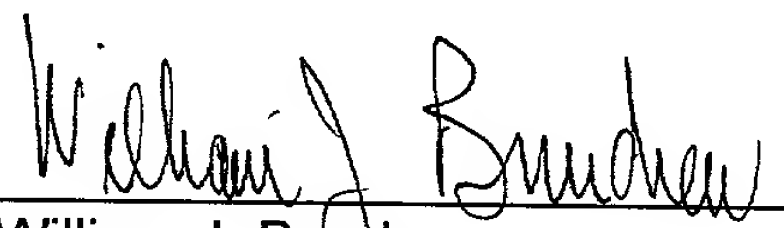
Sir:

As requested in the Notice to file Missing Parts mailed September 19, 2001, please find attached a paper copy of the Sequence Listing in paper form.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that the content of the instant paper copy of the Sequence Listing in this application (Serial No. 09/939,780) is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in application Serial Number 09/147,761, filed March 3, 1999, and that this submission includes no new matter, and that this submission does not include matter which goes beyond the disclosure in the parent application or the international application as filed.

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